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Serial No.: 09/273,957 )

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For: Novel Phenol Oxidizing Enzyme )  
Enzymes )**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 19, 2002 AND**  
**FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 21, 2002**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 19, 2002 (and the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2002), Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendments and remarks. The response is considered timely (Notice of Appeal and previous Response filed November 21, 2002), and a petition for an extension of time is not considered necessary.

Please amend the claims, as shown in Appendix A ("Clean Version of Amended Claims") and Appendix B ("Amended Claims with Markings to Show Changes"). A clean set of all pending claims is provided in Appendix C ("Clean Version of All Pending Claims").

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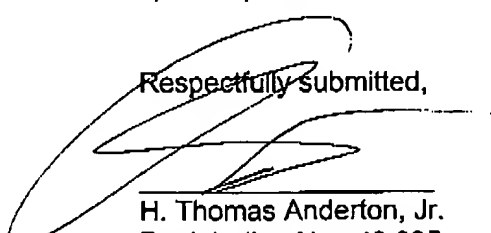
Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 19, 2002 and the Final Office Action dated May 21, 2002, enclosed please find the following document: Response to Advisory Action and Final Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC477C1). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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